

ICTA to empower Western Province government officers

Information and Communication Technology Agency (ICTA), has launched a project which is targeted at making an e-literate public sector workforce. This project will be inaugurated by ICTA at the Colombo District Secretariat on 2nd May 2006.

The Colombo District Secretariat will be trained at the initial stage. This project is expected to be implemented by ICTA at the District Secretariat and Divisional Secretariats in the Colombo District.

they will be given a practical training on various computer applications and their specific usages. At the completion of phase three, the trainees will be eligible to sit for the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) Examination and obtain a new dimension of the government service. One of the key functions in this process is to empower the human re-

sources with ICT skills thereby ensuring the availability of skilled human resources to make e-Sri Lanka a reality. On the other hand it is expected to increase the transparency and the accountability of the public sector by developing an ICT culture in government institutions. In addition, this will generate the required ICT skills to facilitate the general public with easy accessibility to

the information network of government services and to create a common window to access such information. The ultimate objective of the project is to develop an efficient public sector which could deliver services on time to the citizens.

This project unfolds itself as one of the several that will be initiated during the implementation of the e-Sri Lanka project.

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Sinhala, Tamil translation web site debuts

President Mahinda Rajapaksa recently launched a new web site for online Sinhala and Tamil translation. Here Mr Rajapaksa kicks off the web site. Sampath Godamune, Director of Science and Information, Sri Lanka Ruparajini Chairman Newton Gunaratne are also present. The President is also presented with a memento.



Sri Lankan undergraduates crave for MS Imagine Cup 2006

An overwhelming response from Sri Lankan students to Microsoft's Imagine Cup competition has helped propel Sri Lankan undergraduates to the top of the list of participants in the 2006 Microsoft Imagine Cup competition. The competition is a global event that challenges students to create innovative solutions to real-world problems. Sri Lankan students have shown exceptional talent and creativity, earning them a place in the final rounds of the competition.



Microsoft chairman Bill Gates adjusts his glasses as he addresses the American Society of Newspaper Editors annual convention, Friday, April 28, 2006, in Seattle. Sounding like a doctor who's found a cure for a terminal disease, Gates told the ball-

MillenniumIT named top Cisco partner

Millennium Information Technologies (MillenniumIT), Sri Lanka's flagship information-technology company, has received special recognition from Cisco Systems, the world's leading supplier of network equipment and solutions.

At a special ceremony in Cochin, India recently, Cisco Systems, a US-based company whose technology supports much of the Internet, recognized MillenniumIT with the award for "Top Sales Achievement in the SAARC Region". Reflecting on the significance of this award, Damith Hewittha, head of MillenniumIT's Network Solutions Business said: "We are thrilled to have bagged this award because we were up against some of the larger Cisco Partners outside Sri Lanka. Our focus has been on providing world-class network solutions to our customers and we have invested heavily in top quality engineering resources to build and support these networks. I am glad our strategy is paying off."

Cisco also acknowledged MillenniumIT's commitment to provide high-level customer



Peter D'Almeida (Head of Millennium Enterprise & Service Provider Business) (front-left) and Dr. Anurag Amarasinghe, Chief Operating Officer of MillenniumIT (front-right) escorting the Chinese Vice Minister of Information Industry (MII) Mr. Lou Qunlian (front-centre) and the delegation on a site tour of MillenniumIT.

Networks (NGNs), was bestowed with a "Roll of Honour" award, citing his "untiring efforts" in supporting Sri Lanka's telecommunication service provider customer solutions, based on Cisco technologies and products. "Supporting Service Providers is very challenging," said Vajira Wijesinghe, Head of Technology, Networking Solutions Business at MillenniumIT. "Thousands of customers rely on their Service Providers' network to run their business and any downtime

net) services, over a single line, to commercial enterprises and the general residential public. MillenniumIT has helped Sri Lanka Telecom, MTT Networks and Suntel three of Sri Lanka's largest telecom operators (or Service Providers, as they are known today, since they provide more than just telephony services) to deploy such networks. "In the past few years there has been a significant fall in revenues from plain old telephony services," said Damith. "With converged